

# The Romulus News

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"the little paper"

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## Timely Tidbits ...

### Lenossi, Woods Win Board Election

In the annual School Election held on Monday, June 10, challengers Betty M. Lenossi and Michael Woods earned the most votes (672 and 483, respectively) to defeat incumbent Debra A. Hoffman (382 votes) and secure the two four-year seats which were up for grabs. Board member Pat Patterson, the other incumbent, did not seek reelection.

A total of 1,015 votes were cast.

### Hometown Celebration Set for July 3–5

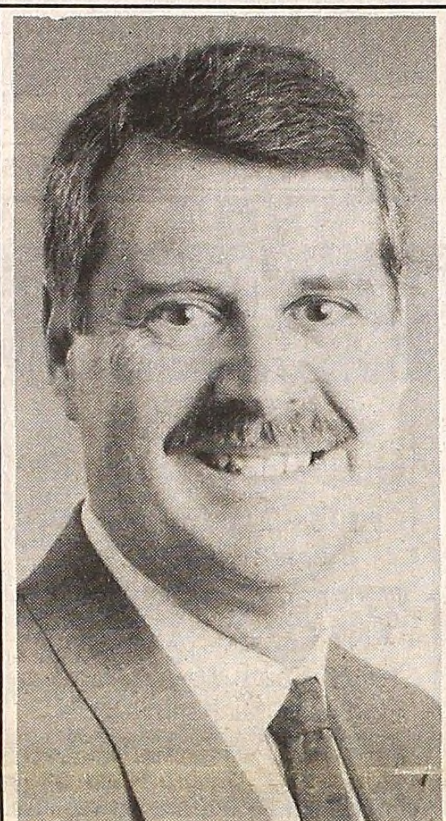
The City of Romulus will host its Hometown Celebration over the three-day period from Wednesday, July 3, through Friday, July 5. Among events planned for the celebration are a parade, a community picnic, musical entertainment, a men's softball tournament and home-run derby, a magic show, children's games, and more – not to mention, of course, a spectacular fireworks display. For more information, please see the advertisement on page 6 and the Recreation bulletin and list of fireworks sponsors on page 7.

### Special Publish Dates for "the little paper"

Faithful readers of "the little paper" will want to mark their calendars for July 3 and August 2, 1996 – the publish dates for our next two issues. Although *The Romulus News* is usually distributed every other Friday, our next edition will hit the streets two days early (Wednesday, July 3, instead of Friday, July 5) due to the Independence Day holiday. Then, because our staff will be taking a well-earned vacation, *The Romulus News* will skip the paper that would have been published on Friday, July 19, and pick up again with our regular print schedule on Friday, August 2.

Questions regarding deadlines, etc., may be directed to either Evelyn or Kristi at 941-1907.

## Bennett Votes To Ban Partial-birth Abortions



Senator Loren Bennett

A currently legal abortion procedure involving partial birth may soon be banned in Michigan under new legislation passed by the Senate, said Senator Loren Bennett (R-Canton Township).

During a partial-birth abortion, the living fetus is extracted, feet first, from the womb and through the birth canal until all but the head is exposed. At this point, the tips of surgical scissors are thrust into the base of the skull and a suction catheter is inserted through the opening to remove the brain.

House Bill (HB) 5889, which passed by a vote of 28-8, seeks to ban partial-birth abortions except when necessary to save the life of the mother. A physician found violating the act would be subject to license revocation or denial.

Similar legislation is pending in other states and has passed both chambers of the United States Congress; however, President Clinton vetoed the congressional legislation.

"The partial-birth abortion is a practice terrifyingly close to infanticide," said Bennett. "There is absolutely no defense for its use except to save the mother's life. Not only does it destroy a fetus inches from its first breath, but the barbaric nature of this procedure can cause psychological and emotional harm to the mother."

The bill will be returned to the House for enrollment and will then be sent to the governor for his signature.

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### Bennett Opposes Metro Council Bill

Legislation establishing a metropolitan council with authority to ask voters to approve tax levies for the financing of cultural and arts organizations has passed the Senate, despite opposition from Bennett and other senators.

Senate Bill 1053 would allow counties to levy a tax of up to one-half mill to finance arts and cultural organizations. It would also allow two or more county governments within a metropolitan area with a population of more than 1.5 million to establish a metro regional council.

"This bill expands the boundaries in which Detroit interests may levy taxes," said Bennett. "Its purpose is to raise funding for the arts, which I believe should be paid by the patrons of those fine institutions. The citizens of my district are not adequately represented by this council and I am strongly, vehemently opposed to this measure."

"I was not serving in this body when the Senate passed Proposal A," he added, "but as a clerk in Canton Township, my number-one fear was that property taxes would go right back up again, and we would be stuck with increased sales taxes as well. This bill allows for such a gradual creeping up of those property taxes." □

## Hunter Wins Scholarship To Fine Arts Camp

By Lisa Kreutzer

Congratulations to Deanna Hunter, who recently received a scholarship to attend the internationally renowned Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp from the Marshall Music Company.

A sixth-grader and band student at Barth Elementary School, Deanna plays clarinet under the direction of instructor Mark Fernandez. Her performance excellence recently led to her being named her school's Most Valuable Player in instrumental music.

Besides playing music, the daughter of Harry and Patricia Hunter of Romulus enjoys sports and animals. She is also proud of the fact that she has been an honor student throughout her school career.

Deanna was formally presented with her scholarship to Blue Lake by Marshall Music representative Mark Walbauer. Also looking on were Barth Elementary principal Harold Connon and band director Fernandez. □



(From left) Harold Connon, Barth principal; Mark Walbauer, Marshall Music representative; Deanna Hunter, scholarship recipient; and Mark Fernandez, band director.



## Letters to the Editor

*Editor's note: All letters to the editor must contain the writer's signature and a telephone number where he/she can be reached in order to verify the letter's authenticity. Names will be withheld by request if, in our opinion, the letter's content merits anonymity.*

The Romulus News reserves the right to edit all letters for clarity and, if necessary, brevity.

### Parents Urge Support of 7th-grade Sports

To the Residents of Romulus:

We would like to bring to your attention the fact that Romulus Middle School currently does not offer seventh-grade-only sports programs. Instead, the extramural sports teams are made up of a combination of seventh- and eighth-graders. As parents of Romulus Middle School students, we would like to see seventh-grade boys' basketball, seventh-grade girls' basketball, seventh-grade girls' volleyball, eighth-grade boys' basketball, eighth-grade girls' basketball, and eighth-grade girls' volleyball incorporated into the Romulus Middle School sports program.

Last year, eight out of 10 schools that appeared on the Middle School's sports schedule had seventh-grade-only teams. These other schools realize the benefit of allowing a greater number of youngsters to become involved in athletics, which promote both mental and physical development. Encouraging younger students to participate in sports also eventually pays off at the high-school level, because the coaches can choose from a larger pool of truly interested, skilled athletes to fill their teams.

On Monday, June 24, several Middle School parents plan to attend a meeting of the Romulus Board of Education (to be held in the Board Office, 36540 Grant Road, at 7:30 p.m.) to discuss seventh-grade-only sports programs with Board members and District administrators.

We urge other interested residents to come to the meeting, as well, to show their support of Middle School students. We can make a difference!

Melvin and Sheila Stewart  
Romulus

### Students Congratulated on Senior-citizen Project

Congratulations to the Romulus High School ninth-grade English class, teacher Cathy Uhring, and project coordinator Kathy Hurst on the very successful completion and publication of *Open Up the Doors of the Past*, a compilation of biographies written by students who interviewed local senior citizens as part of a combined oral history/writing project. You are to be commended on your endeavor to promote better understanding between young people and senior citizens.

On behalf of the seniors at Romulus Tower and the Wingate Management Corporation, I wish to thank you for inviting us to be a part of your project. It was a wonderful experience for us all.

Audry Moomaw, Manager  
Romulus Tower

### Letter-writer Apologizes for Earlier Mistake

To the Editor:

In a letter to the editor which appeared in the May 10, 1996 issue of *The Romulus News*, I incorrectly stated that Mr. Dan Bussard had recently received permission from the Romulus Board of Zoning Appeals to park his motor home and camper in his driveway. Since then, I have learned that the Bussards have a camper only; what I took to be a motor home was, in reality, their Suburban. I sincerely apologize to the Bussards for my mistake, and hope that this will help to clear up any misunderstanding that may have arisen from my statement.

Dolores Witzgall  
Romulus □

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## Merriman Students Are "Jet Setters for a Day"

Sixth-grade students at Merriman Elementary recently had the opportunity to be jet setters for a day. The culminating activity for their Social Studies unit on U.S. Government afforded a unique experience for the 26 students and their chaperones who jetted out of Metro Airport at 6 a.m. on May 20 for a trip to Washington D.C.

The group arrived at their destination and were on tour buses by 9 a.m. Their first excursion consisted of a three-mile walk through Arlington National Cemetery. Then they visited both the triangular Field of Service and the Pool of Remembrance which are the components of the Korean War Memorial. The tour continued around the Potomac River Tidal Basin as the group viewed landmarks dedicated to three of the greatest political figures in our nation's early history: the Washington Monument, the Lincoln Monument, and the Thomas Jefferson Memorial. A chance to view the Vietnam Veterans Memorial with its 246-foot granite wall inscribed with the names of over 58,000 men and women who gave their lives or remain missing in that war and the Iwo Jima Monument were also part of the day's itinerary.

Lunch was served at the Smithsonian Space Museum Restaurant, and a movie about both aircraft and space

flight was shown. The three hours spent at the Smithsonian included time to view the displays in the Air/Space part of the Museum.

Later that afternoon, the group drove by the White House and the U.S. Capitol Building. During the day, the travelers had an opportunity to shop for souvenirs at the Space Museum and Jefferson Memorial. Dinner was at the Scholls Cafeteria in downtown D.C.

Following dinner, the group boarded the buses one last time to view the Iwo Jima Monument on the way to the airport.

By 10 p.m., the exhausted tourists were back at Metro.

The chaperones for the trip included teachers Mrs. Margie Baird and Mrs. Algertha Leonard. Parents assisting on the trip were: Mr. Rohde, Mr. Durtka, Mr. Gauvin, Mr. Baird, Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Ferris, Mrs. Odgers, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Bowman, Mrs. Daniels, and Mrs. Arce.

The students had earned money to pay for part of the trip by selling popcorn on Thursdays to their classmates at Merriman. To help defray additional travel expenses, the students were also involved in selling cases of M&Ms to family and friends.

The trip to Washington has been a tradition at Merriman for the last 20 years. □

## YWCA Seeks Nominees for Annual Achievement Awards

The YWCA is looking for six women who represent the heart and soul of Western Wayne County.

Nominations are being accepted for the 1996 Women of Achievement Awards, sponsored by the YWCA of Western Wayne County.

The awards recognize women who reside or work in Western Wayne County and have demonstrated qualities of outstanding leadership and excellence in both their professional and personal endeavors for the betterment of Western Wayne County.

A winner will be chosen in each of the following categories: Arts/Communications, Business/Industry, Government/Law, Professions, Volunteer Service, and Young Women (16-23).

Previous women of achievement keynote speaker honorees include Fox TV news anchorwomen Amyre Makupson, Michigan Department of Public Health Director Vernice Davis Anthony, Ford Executive Ann Doyle-Farrell, and artist-feminist Patricia Hill Burnett. Western Wayne honorees include Republican State Representative Lyn Bankes; Sister M. Francilene Van

DeVyver, President of Madonna University; Wayne City Councilwoman Donna McEachern; and Linda Woolwine, Regional Director AAA Michigan.

The awards, prestigious Ivy tiles created by world-famed Pewabic Pottery of Detroit, will be presented at a special luncheon on Friday, November 1, at the Fairlane Club in Dearborn. Keynote speaker will be Florine Mark, President and Chief Executive of the WW Group Inc., the largest franchise of Weight Watchers International.

Nomination forms are available at the administration building of the YWCA of Western Wayne County, 26279 Michigan Avenue, Inkster, Michigan 48141; by calling 313-561-4110; or by faxing a request to 313-561-7344. Deadline for nominations is September 16.

The YWCA is a decentralized, interracial, intercultural agency which supports women and girls and their families so that they can realize their full potential and improve the quality of their lives through the following services: community organization, crisis intervention, group work and person adjustment, physical well-being, and recreation. □



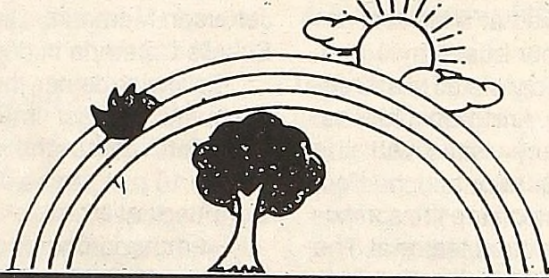
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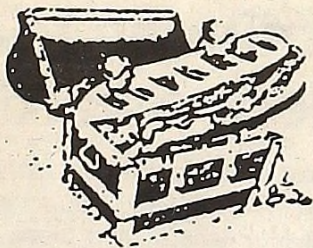
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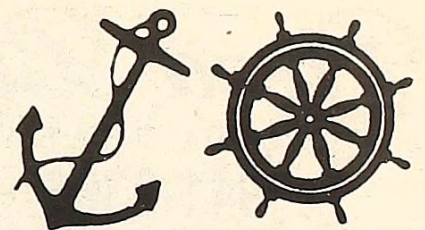
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## Community Calendar

- **"African Form and Imagery" Continues**—An exhibition of approximately 70 outstanding works of African art acquired by Detroit-area collectors since 1977 will continue on display at the Detroit Institute of Arts through the end of the year. Cultures represented in the exhibition—which began June 22—include the Luba, Kongo, Fang, and Yoruba. Museum hours are: Wednesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; weekends, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 833-7900.
- **Prenatal Education**—Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center—Wayne will host a six-session program for expectant parents on Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. beginning July 1. For more information, or to register, call 467-4570.
- **Mud Day**—Combine 200 tons of topsoil and 20,000 gallons of water, and you create every child's fantasy—and every mother's nightmare. That's Mud Day, set for 11 a.m. on Tuesday, July 9, at the Middle Rouge Parkway, Nankin Mills Picnic Area, in Westland. Highlighting the Wayne County Parks-sponsored event will be the crowning of Mr. and Mrs. Mud. For more information, call 261-1990.
- **Preschool Storytime**—"Stories from Around the World"—a free preschool storytime program to be held at the Romulus Public Library for children ages three to five who are ready for independent listening, but are not yet in kindergarten—will feature tales about countries like Japan, Mexico, Russia, Africa, China, Germany, and England. Participants will be able to choose between Tuesday-evening sessions (held at 7 p.m. beginning July 9 and continuing through July 30) and Thursday-morning sessions (held at 10:30 a.m. beginning July 11 and continuing through August 1). Space is limited, so register as soon as possible by stopping in at the Library (11121 South Wayne Road, next to City Hall) during its normal business hours (Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Friday, 12 to 5 p.m.) or by calling 942-7589.
- **Italian/Polish Festival**—Italian and Polish food and entertainment—including a special operatic program featuring the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan—will highlight the Wayne County Parks Department's Italian/Polish Festival, which will be held from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, July 13, and Sunday, July 14. For more information, call 261-1990.
- **Choir Workshop**—Students currently in grades seven and above are invited to register for the 20th Annual Macomb Community College Show Workshop, to be held the week of August 4-10. Registration fee is \$145. For more information, call 286-2044.
- **Chamber's Annual Golf Outing**—The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual golf outing at Willow-Metro Golf Course on Thursday, August 29. Shotgun start for the four-person-team scramble will begin at 8:30 a.m. Donations of \$350 per team or \$85 per person will include cart, refreshments on the course, a steak dinner at the Romulus Progressive Club following play, and cash and other prizes. No refunds will be made. To register, call the Chamber office: 326-4290.
- **Writer Support Group**—Writers Anonymous, a writer support group encompassing all ages and interests, meets at the Romulus Public Library (11121 South Wayne Road) on the first and third Monday of each month from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The group's objective is to give honest, constructive criticism and encouragement to its members. For more information, please call the Library at 942-7589.

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## New Postage Stamp Honors "Rebel Without a Cause"

The tiny island nation of Montserrat has just released a set of nine Legal Tender James Dean Commemorative Postage Stamps—beating the U.S. Post Office by several months.

"While the U.S. Post Office is still trying to design a single James Dean stamp, here you have this tiny nation that's just issued nine different stamps showing Dean in every stage of his career," said John Van Emden of the International Collectors Society in Owings Mills, Maryland, exclusive worldwide distributors of the stamps. "Collector demand has been unbelievable. In fact, we're almost sold out."

Each of the nine stamps has a face value of \$1.15, and each stamp is over twice as large as the proposed U.S. stamp. "They're really quite stunning with all the colorful images printed together on the same commemorative sheet," added Van Emden.

The United States will be releasing only one James Dean stamp in 1996, and the Postal Service has indicated that over 300 million of the U.S. stamps will be issued.

"When you compare that to this Montserrat issue, which is a Limited Edition of just thousands worldwide, you can see the irresistible appeal that these Montserrat stamps have to stamp collectors and James Dean fans," Van Emden pointed out.

The James Dean issue is legal for postage in Montserrat and is recognized by every postal authority around the world.

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### Hollywood Legend





# Romulus Hometown Celebration

## July 3, 1996 – July 5, 1996

### Wednesday, July 3

Lining up for the parade

5:00 p.m.

City Hall

Parade from City Hall

6:00 p.m.

City Hall

Music in the Historic Park by local artist  
Shirley Franklin and Delta Drive Band  
(Rock-n-Blues music)

7:00 p.m.

Historic Park

### Thursday, July 4

Patriotic Praise and Prayer

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Elmer Johnson Park

Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast

9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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Men's Softball Tournament

10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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1:30 p.m.

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Firefighters' Waterball Tournament

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Elmer Johnson Park

Music by Allan Barnes

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

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Fireworks Spectacular

10:00 p.m.

Elmer Johnson Park

### Friday, July 5

Dog Fly Ball and Dog Obedience Show

11:00 a.m.

Animal Shelter

Senior Citizen Homemade Luncheon

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Senior Center

(Stop in or call for prices and menu)

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11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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## A Heartfelt "Thank You" To City's Fireworks Sponsors

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## Recreation Programs

Thanks to Debbie Dick, director, City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, and Keith Brothers, recreation coordinator, for supplying information for the "Recreation Programs" column. For more information about these or other offerings, stop in at the Recreation Department Office, 36515 Bibbins, or call 942-6852.

### July 4th Softball Tourney

The Romulus Recreation Department will hold a two-game-elimination softball tournament at Elmer Johnson Park on Thursday, July 4, beginning at 10 a.m. The first eight teams to register at the Recreation office and pay the required \$125 entrance fee will be accepted; deadline for registration is Tuesday, July 2.

Teams will begin with a one-on-one count, and a five-home-run limit for each team per game will be enforced (each home run after the maximum of five is reached will count as an out). First-place winners will receive a sponsor's trophy and T-shirts for 15 players. Second-place runners-up will receive a sponsor's trophy.

Also scheduled for July 4 is a home run derby, which will take place between 1 and 2 p.m. First-place winner will receive a trophy.

### Adult Dance/Exercise

Individuals age 16 and older are welcome to late-register at the Recreation office for an adult dance/exercise program which meets Mondays from 7 to 7:45 p.m. through July 29 (no class on July 1). Cost is \$20.

### Adult Golf

Adults of all ages and ability are invited to sign up for this five-week golf program, which will be held at the Michigan Golf Center on Michigan Avenue starting the week of July 9. A choice of Tuesday or Wednesday lessons will be available; classes for both sessions begin at 6 p.m. Class sizes will be limited to five to eight students. A \$50 fee covers 45 to 60 minutes of instruction by a PGA-approved instructor. Pre-registration (no later than Wednesday, July 3) is required.

### Elementary Recreation

The popular Summer Recreation Program for elementary-age boys and girls begins July 1 and continues weekly, Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., through August 15 at the following sites: Civic Center, Fernandez Park/Coleman Center (run in coordination with the Romulus Housing Commission), Halecreek School, Merriman School, Mt. Pleasant School, and Cory

School. Cost of the seven-week program is \$25 for the first child in a family, \$15 for the second, and \$10 for the third (the family plan is \$50). Proof of residence must be shown. Transportation to and from the recreation site must be provided by parents.

The Recreation Department also offers special Friday trips in conjunction with the Summer Recreation Program. Transportation for Friday trips departs from and returns to the Recreation office on Bibbins.

Friday trips will include: Rolling Hills Waterpark (July 12 and August 9; \$6), Lake Erie Wave Pool (July 19; \$6), the Detroit Zoo (July 26; \$5), Westland Skateland (August 2; \$6), and Elmer Johnson Park/Picnic (August 16; \$2). All trips must be paid in advance.

### Other Youth Programs

Late registrations are still being accepted at the Recreation office for the following summer youth programs.

**Karate** – Summer karate classes, which began June 11, are being held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday through August 8. Cost is \$10.

**Dance** – Weekly summer dance classes, which began June 17, will continue on Mondays through July 29 (no class on July 1). Cost is \$20. Classes are held at the Recreation office according to the following schedule: ballet (ages five to 10; 5 to 5:45 p.m.) and jazz (ages 10 to 16; 6 to 6:45 p.m.).

**Golf** – The final three weeks of a four-week program for youths age seven to 14 will continue at Woodlands Golf Course on Ecorse Road each Tuesday through July 9. Classes are broken into two divisions: one for ages seven to 10 (10 a.m. to 12 noon) and one for ages 11 to 14 (7:30 to 9:30 a.m.). The \$60 registration fee covers the two-hour junior golf lessons, an American golf T-shirt and cap, a poly bag with bag towel and tab, one free nine-hole round of golf for the junior member and a half-price round of golf for the parent (weekdays only; cart is extra), merchandise discounts, and a concluding party.

### Discount Tickets

Now through August, the Romulus Recreation Department will be selling tickets (cash only, please) to the following amusement parks: Canada's Wonderland, Cedar Point, Crossroads Village, the Detroit Zoo, Four Bears Park, Geauga Lake, Greenfield Village, Kings Island, Michigan Adventure, Michigan Renaissance, Pleasure Island, Sea World, Six Flags (Chicago), and Beach Waterpark (Cincinnati). For prices, call the Recreation office. □

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### REGULAR MEETING, MAY 13, 1996

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, May 13, 1996 was called to order by President Debra A. Hoffman at 7:30 P.M.

Roll call showed all Members present. All Administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Debra A. Hoffman.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

5/96/1 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Berlinn to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

5/96/2 Moved by Gondek supported by Langley to approve the Minutes of the April 22 and April 29, 1996 meetings as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Personnel Actions

Dr. Samuel B. LaMonica, Director of Human Resources, recommended the following personnel actions for Board approval.

Retirement: Ms. Opal Partin, Custodian, Effective May 31, 1996; and Mr. Harold Connon, Principal, Effective June 30, 1996.

5/96/3 Moved by Patterson supported by Berlinn to approve the personnel actions as presented by Dr. LaMonica. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Bills for Payment

5/96/4 Moved by Berlinn supported by Patterson to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Proposed Home/School Compact

5/96/5 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Langley to adopt the Parent/School/Student Compact as presented by Ms. Phyllis Adkins, Suzanne Oakley, and Michael Woods. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Presentation - Science 7-12

Representatives of the High School/Middle School Science Departments presented the secondary science curriculum to the Board of Education and responded to their questions.

#### Resolution for 1996-1997 State Aid Note

5/96/6 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Kesner to adopt the attached resolution authorizing the District to borrow \$3,455,000 for cash-flow purposes. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Approval of High School Sign

5/96/7 Moved by Patterson supported by Oleszkowicz to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and purchase a "Message Board" from Jan Signs, Inc., for the front of the High School in the amount of \$5,692.00 as per the attached. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Ninth-grade Sports

5/96/8 Moved by Patterson supported by Langley to table action on the request for ninth-grade basketball for boys and girls for the 1996-1997 school year. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### French Trip to Windsor

5/96/9 Moved by Patterson supported by Kesner to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the French trip to Windsor. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Communications and Expressions from the Public

Members of the audience discussed the following items with the Board of Education: 1) crash demonstration at the High School; 2) proper teachers on school/parent-teacher conference schedule; and 3) EDS meeting at the High School.

#### Items of Information from the Superintendent

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, shared the following items with the Board of Education: 1) Project Zero Report; 2) Pitoniak House Bill 5650; 3) Apple Seminar - Bedell; 4) State Board Seminar - Bedell; 5) High School Year-end Events; 6) Romulus Foundation Grant Minutes; 7) \$50,000 "Goals 2000" Grant; and 8) Policy Committee Minutes.

#### Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

5/96/10 Moved by Kesner supported by Patterson that Romulus Community Schools is in no way sponsoring the meeting of EDS on May 15, 1996 at Romulus High School. We are merely providing the use of the High School auditorium for a fee. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Sandra Langley; Ruth Fairchild, school nurse; and Cathy Williams, parent, have met to review and update our current medication policy.

Mrs. Langley also requested that we have a meeting with Tom Schwarze to discuss the School Code.

Mr. Howard Kesner expressed his concern regarding the empowerment committee survey.

Mr. Kenneth Berlinn expressed his disappointment relative to the number of honorees that were absent for the Awards Banquet.

Mrs. Judie Gondek voiced her concern relative to the temperature in the auditorium.

#### Executive Session

None.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

5/96/11 Moved by Kesner supported by Patterson that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judith A. Gondek, Secretary  
Romulus Board of Education

## ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

36540 Grant Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174

### STUDY SESSION, MAY 20, 1996

The Study Session of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, May 20, 1996 was called to order by President Debra A. Hoffman at 5:40 P.M.

Roll call showed Member Patterson absent (excused). All Administrators were present. Mr. Frank Wydra, IRI Consultant, was also present. Member Patterson arrived at 5:45 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Debra A. Hoffman.

#### COMMITTEE REPORT ON MANAGEMENT INITIATIVE:

The following administrators presented their completed reports on management initiative to the Board of Education: Arthur McPharlin, Technology; Daniel Hurst, Outcomes and Assessment; Michael Teasdale, Climate; Earl Cornet, Preschool; Phyllis Adkins, Commitment; and Andrea Williams, Empowerment.

Mrs. Debra A. Hoffman was excused at 7:15 P.M.

The next meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 4, 1996 at 5:30 P.M.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

5/96/12 Moved by Gondek supported by Oleszkowicz that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judith A. Gondek, Secretary  
Romulus Board of Education

## ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

36540 Grant Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174

### STUDY SESSION, JUNE 3, 1996

The Study Session of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, June 3, 1996 was called to order by President Debra A. Hoffman at 5:30 P.M.

Roll call showed all Members present. All Administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Debra A. Hoffman.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

6/96/1 Moved by Gondek supported by Oleszkowicz to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### TOM SCHWARZE - THE REVISED SCHOOL CODE:

Mr. Tom Schwarze, Attorney, was present and updated the Board of Education on the new revised school code and responded to their questions.

President Hoffman was excused at 6:45 P.M.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

6/96/2 Moved by Patterson supported by Oleszkowicz that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judith A. Gondek, Secretary  
Romulus Board of Education

## ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

36540 Grant Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174

### STUDY SESSION, JUNE 4, 1996

The Study Session of the Romulus Board of Education held on Tuesday, June 4, 1996 was called to order by President Debra A. Hoffman at 5:40 P.M.

Roll call showed Members Patterson, Kesner and Berlinn absent (excused). All Administrators were present. Mr. Frank Wydra, IRI Consultant, was present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Debra A. Hoffman.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

6/96/3 Moved by Gondek supported by Oleszkowicz to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### FRANK WYDRA, IRI CONSULTANT, SUMMARY PRESENTATION:

Mr. Frank Wydra presented the results of a staff survey with his summary and recommendations.

Mr. Pat Patterson arrived at 6:45 P.M.

Mrs. Sandra Langley was excused at 7:30 P.M.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

6/96/4 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Gondek that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judith A. Gondek, Secretary  
Romulus Board of Education



## Woodrow Receives Principal's Award

Ray Woodrow was selected by Barth Elementary principal Harold Connon last month to receive "The Principals' Award" in recognition of his exemplary achievement as a student. Connon was issued one of the Principals' Awards by the Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association (MEMSPA).

MEMSPA Principals' Awards are issued to students who are completing their final year of education at their current school, and who are deserving of special recognition for their exemplary achievement and/or contributions to the quality of school life.

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Ray Woodrow

## Cory Elementary Recognizes Honor-roll Students

Congratulations to the following Cory Elementary School students whose perseverance and hard work earned them honor-roll recognition during the fourth marking period of the 1995-1996 school year.

(Please note: An asterisk denotes those students who made the Principal's Honor Roll.)

### Mr. Blackburn's Room

Elizabeth Caburet, Nikki Carr, and Christopher Moore.

### Ms. English's Room

Stephanie Jones, Nicole Liendo, Jamie Ross, and \*Ryan Tackett.

### Ms. Gilkey's Room

Christopher Conley, Maranda Cushman, \*Della Hamby, Amanda Izobo, Curtis Jackson, Gregory Johnson, Marcia Manier, \*Heather Patrick, and Ta-Kara Roquemore.

### Ms. Heinzelman's Room

Dayna Dawson and Jasmine Mark.

### Ms. Kirk's Room

Taritone Burutolu, \*Kelly Hardway, Alex Macfarlane, Falcia Modzynski, Derek Pepper, \*Andrew Rodger, Bethany Swauger, and Cassie Wilson.

### Ms. Pluff's Room

\*Monika Burgess, \*Teela Carroll, \*Lauryn Farkas, Keith Haynes, Brittany Johnson, \*Jennifer Sai, Jodi Schultz, Monique Solomon, and \*Kim Wilson.

### Ms. Price's Room

Tiffany Block, Carolyn Moore, Kono Staple, and Adrian Watson.

### Ms. Walter's Room

Theresa Chadwick, \*Stacey Clarke, Raleah Davis, Kendra Dean, \*Jessica Deverich, \*Carissa Drobil, \*Randall Frye, Sheanna Kettlewell, Franz Lanning, Shekiah Taylor, and Kiera Wilson.

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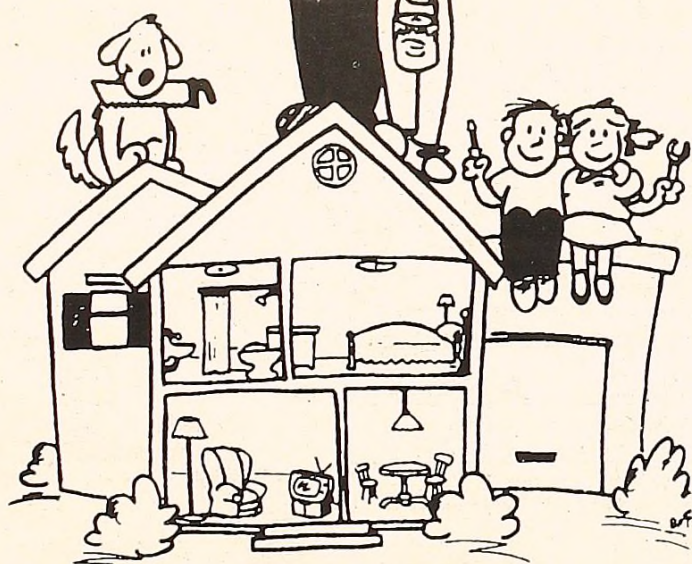
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## Red Cross Offers Teen Scholarships

This summer, the American Red Cross is offering a chance for teens to help their communities and possibly earn a \$1000 college scholarship for themselves.

Looking to attract youths ages 14 to 17, the Southeastern Michigan Chapter offers a wide variety of volunteer positions to teenagers. Positions include working in hospitals and nursing homes, assisting in blood collection, and performing office and clerical support.

"The relationship between youth and the Red Cross is a win-win situation," says Marlene Neme, volunteer resources manager for the chapter. "People considering pursuing medical careers, for example, will find volunteering for the Red Cross a real eye opener."

Volunteer positions in hospitals and nursing homes include running simple errands, delivering mail and flowers to patients, and simply being a friendly visitor.

Neme says that teens are the perfect group to work in a nursing home: "Older folk love to have young people around them, and because they are so appreciative, our teen volunteers find the work very rewarding," she says.

Benefits cited consistently by young people who volunteer for the Red Cross include a sense of belonging and purpose, an awareness of community, and opportunities to be part of solutions. Blood-collection volunteers perform nonmedical procedures to assist in the collections.

High school seniors who have performed at least 150 Red Cross volunteer hours are eligible for two \$1000 scholarships. "They can take a summer to earn those hours, or do it over a year or so," Neme says.

Youth volunteers can call either James Mitchell (313-494-2860) or Martha Cooney (313-422-2787) at the American Red Cross for more information. □



## Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower, and to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column. (Note: For further information about events at the Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 942-6852.)

### Senior Olympics

Downriver men and women ages 50 and older are invited to compete in the 11th Annual Downriver Senior Olympics, hosted this year by the Woodhaven Recreation Department (located at 23101 Hall Road) during the week of August 5-9.

Seniors can enter one or more of the following contests: baking, frisbee toss, billiards, shuffleboard, bocci ball, bowling, horseshoes (hosted by Romulus), ping pong, volleyball, softball tournament, softball throw, basketball shoot, golf (closest to pin), golf (best ball scramble), euchre, pinochle, and bridge.

Competition will be split into four divisions: Class A (ages 50-59), Class B (ages 60-69), Class C (ages 70-79), and Class D (80+).

Participants pay \$1 per event plus a \$5 registration fee (includes a Senior Olympics T-shirt). Deadline for registration is July 3, 1996. *No late entries will be accepted.*

Winding up Olympics Week will be a banquet recognizing Olympics participants, medal-winners, and sponsors. This banquet - to be held at 12 p.m. on Friday, August 9, at Southgate's Crystal Gardens - is open to all Olympics participants and guests. Tickets are \$12 per person, and can be ordered at the time of registration.

For more information, contact the Romulus Senior Center.

### Ask the Attorney

Local attorney Brian A. Oakley will continue his twice-monthly "Ask the Attorney" service at the Romulus Senior Center on Wednesday, June 26, from 3 to 5 p.m. Senior citizens can either walk in (36515 Bibbins) or call in (942-6852) to take advantage of this free legal advice.

### Blood-pressure Checks

Romulus senior citizens can have their blood pressure checked once a month by Community Emergency Medical Service (CEMS), free of charge, at the Romulus Senior Center. The next check date is set for Monday, July 8, from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. No appointment is necessary.

### Exercise Classes

A new twice-weekly exercise program - held at the Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 to 10 a.m. - features light routines designed to increase flexibility and improve strength and tone. The Senior Center suggests that all participants wear comfortable clothing, and urges anyone unused to physical exertion to consult a physician before joining the class.

### Know Your Rights

As a Medicaid recipient or Medicare subscriber, are you aware of your rights? Do you know to what care you are entitled? Who you should call for help if you believe you aren't getting the proper medical attention? Whether or not you lose your medical benefits if you leave the country? These and many other questions will be answered at a free program to be held at the Romulus Senior Center at 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 18. Light refreshments will be served. Sign up at the Center.

### Don't Be a Statistic

Did you know that one out of every three people will be the victim of a violent crime - with senior citizens and women the prime targets? Thankfully, there are ways that you can reduce your chances of becoming a crime statistic. To learn more about how you can protect yourself, plan to attend a free presentation to be given at the Romulus Senior Center at 1 p.m. on Monday, July 22. Sign up at the Center.

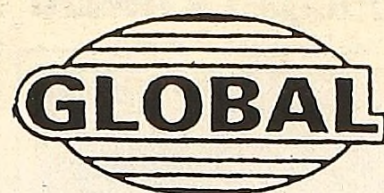
### Potluck/Ice-cream Social

A Banana Beauty Contest will highlight the Center's next potluck affair, set for 2 p.m. on Friday, July 26. Dress your yellow friend as a baby, clown, fireman, or some other exotic or outlandish figure to try to win a prize in one of the following categories: glamorous, colorful, cute, and unusual. Later, we'll strip, peel, and eat our bananas in make-your-own banana splits. As always, bring a dish and bring a friend.

### Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about this or other special trips planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman at 942-6852.

- **Soaring Eagle Casino** - No matter what the name of your game, Mt. Pleasant's Soaring Eagle Casino can accommodate your interests with its high-tech bingo hall and selection of slots and gaming tables. The \$40 cost of this one-day trip - set for Friday, August 9 - includes round-trip motorcoach transportation and dinner at a local restaurant. □



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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
Name and phone number of person to contact (in case of questions): \_\_\_\_\_

Attach any additional information concerning the wedding or engagement to this form.

# Belated Wishes

## Ahoy! And Belated Father's Day Wishes to the Captain of Our Ship: Earnie Martin, #1 Dad!

Dad ... the man who sets the sails for us through stormy times for smooth sailing. Dad ... the "still water" that runs so deep in our lives. Dad ... your anchor of love, patience, and understanding has kept our boats afloat. If it wasn't for you, we would all drift away and sink! Your love is our beacon of light that keeps us together!

With love from your crew: son Jonathan, daughter Ada, and wife Vicki.



# The Stork Arrived

## Joseph Evan Cason



John and Nancy Cason of Berkley, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their new son, Joseph Evan.

Joseph was born in Providence Hospital (Southfield, MI) at 2:37 a.m. on Thursday, May 2, 1996, weighing in at seven pounds, 13 ounces, and measuring 20 1/2 inches.

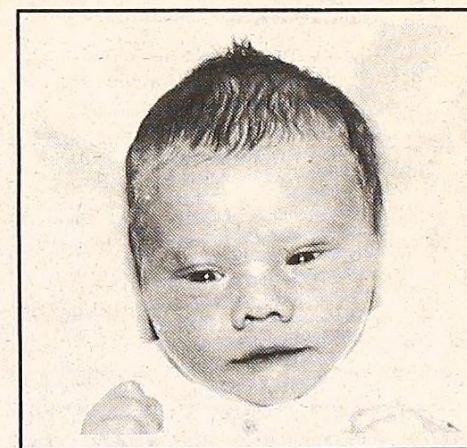
Joseph's paternal grandparents are John Cason (Harvest, AL) and Rozanah Kafila (Canton, MI). Julius and Carolyn Herdon (Romulus, MI) are his maternal grandparents.

## Alex Michael Miller

Proudly announcing the birth of their first child, Alex Michael, are Todd and Shannon Miller of Canton, Michigan.

Alex was born in Oakwood Hospital (Dearborn, MI) at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14, 1996, weighing in at six pounds, eight ounces, and measuring 19 1/2 inches.

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